

Lack of sleep plays role in wrecks

Did you know that sleep plays a role in up to 10 percent of the 50 million U.S. automobile accidents?

According to the New Jersey Automobile Club, Foundation for Safety, experts agree that lack of sleep and subsequent lack of alertness frequently lead to tragedy, especially on the highway. In fact, most people have taken the wheel at least once when they were too tired to drive. In one study, fully half the drivers admitted to having had near-mishaps because of sleepiness, and one-third said they'd actually fallen asleep while driving.

Fatigue impairs judgement, reduces the ability to concentrate and delays reaction time — all essentials of safe driving. Paul Kollock, AAA's safety manager, says you can drive more safely by following these suggestions:

Travel rested. Get a good night's rest before you start the trip. Wear a good quality pair of sunglasses in bright sunshine to prevent fatigue.

Be alert during your breaks! Stop periodically for rest and light snacks. Drive for two hours, then take a 10 to 15 minute break outside your vehicle. Run or walk briskly, even if it's around the edge of a rest stop.

Follow your clock. Most people feel sleepy in the mid-afternoon and between midnight and 7 a.m. If you must drive at those times, don't wait until the first wave of sleep hits. Instead, pull off the road and nap. Share the driving. The most usually rested person is normally the person sitting in the back seat, not the front. So share the driving with your passengers.

Monitor your medications. Some medications, particularly cold and allergy pills, increase drowsiness so don't use them before you drive. Caffeine, on the other hand, keeps some people alert.

Don't drink. Alcohol doesn't make us sleep; it makes us sleepy. But, many alcohol-related mishaps involve a driver who is sleepy.

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Community Update

Volunteers needed
 The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library is accepting applications for volunteers. Applicants will be reviewed by the Museum Committee in the fall.

During the past year, the museum has exhibited the works of many fine local and regional artists. Exhibits featured have included photography, sculpture, paintings, ceramics, handmade paper and quilts.

Applications should be mailed to the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081-1000. Call 908-688-7420.

Anticipation



Gabrielle Gangola, 3, waits patiently for her brother, Grade 5-10, to move so she can see the downtown skyline near the Municipal Pool.

Local districts may mandate school uniforms, says bill

By **Hanako Boyer-Splitst**
 Staff Writer

Initiating uniforms in New Jersey's public schools has been a hotly debated issue for years. Now, it's back on the agenda. A bill introduced by Governor James Florio would allow school districts to mandate the use of uniforms in their schools.

Elizabeth has had a voluntary uniform policy in four of its city schools. However, Superintendent Thomas Dineen said he does not support a blanket policy of uniforms for all city schools.

"My feeling on uniforms is to allow individual schools to decide if instituting a uniform policy," he said.

Dineen said that is consistent with the policy of site-based management. He believes that while uniforms can have a positive effect, they are not right for every school. In Elizabeth:

"We have learned that the uniform approach to problems is not the answer," he said.

So that makes him an issue that principals and Parent-Teacher Associations at each school will have to weigh and decide upon. He said.

While Elizabeth already has a voluntary uniform policy in some of its schools, some Union County school districts are looking into the issue of the first time.

Springfield's school district, currently without a uniform policy, faces other matters now pressing for the coming months. "To be honest, right now the Springfield School District has many issues on the table dealing with getting prepared for the takeover of the high school and right now we really wouldn't want to create any turmoil with the pros and cons for uniforms because I'm sure there are people who are for it and people who are against it," said Board of Education President Guy Tis.

Hillside School Superintendent Hiroko Miyakawa said uniforms were not at the top of her list of things to consider for the next year.

"We have a lot of problems to address in Hillside," she said. "None of which uniforms would really help," she added.

"Uniforms can do a number of things," she said. "If the kids act bad, but our kids already act all right."

She said the uniforms can help some families economically, saving them the cost of expensive school clothes, and they could also make a difference in schools by keeping students from judging each other based on the way they are dressed. However, she said, the uniforms could also be a distraction for students.

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Waste not

UCUA sets dates to take household chemical refuse

By **Kathryn Fitzgerald**
 Managing Editor

UCUA Chairman William Rucco announced that the Union County Utilities Authority will sponsor fall household special waste disposal days in Rahway, Springfield and Cranford.

The first event for the fall will be Sept. 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rahway City Hall parking lot on the corner of West Milton Avenue and Main Street.

The second fall event will be held in Springfield at the municipal swimming pool on Memorial Drive on Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Those who want to participate, however pre-registration with the UCUA is mandatory. The event is open to Union County residents. Proof of residence is required to ensure that the program serves Union County taxpayers only.

"This is primarily various kinds of household chemical waste. We have a hazardous waste company in Elizabeth, Clean Venture Cyclechem, that packages the material by components — flammable, caustic, — into different 'big' tanks with the same type of materials in the same type of drums and then they ship that all off to hazardous waste disposal or recovery," said UCUA Executive Director Jeffrey Callahan.

This program, held six times during the year, provides for the homeowner a convenient and inexpensive way to dispose of the hazardous materials from the home," Callahan continued. "Without this waste would be disposed of in an unacceptable manner with residential waste and would have to come to the expense of the taxpayer."

Fall hours

The Springfield Free Public Library will resume fall hours effective Sept. 3. The library will be open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Frost physicals

Jonathan Dayton Regional High School will be conducting freshmen sports physicals on Wednesday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Health Office of the high school, located on Mountain Avenue in Springfield. Forms are available at the high school. For more information, call (201) 376-6300.

First aid classes offered

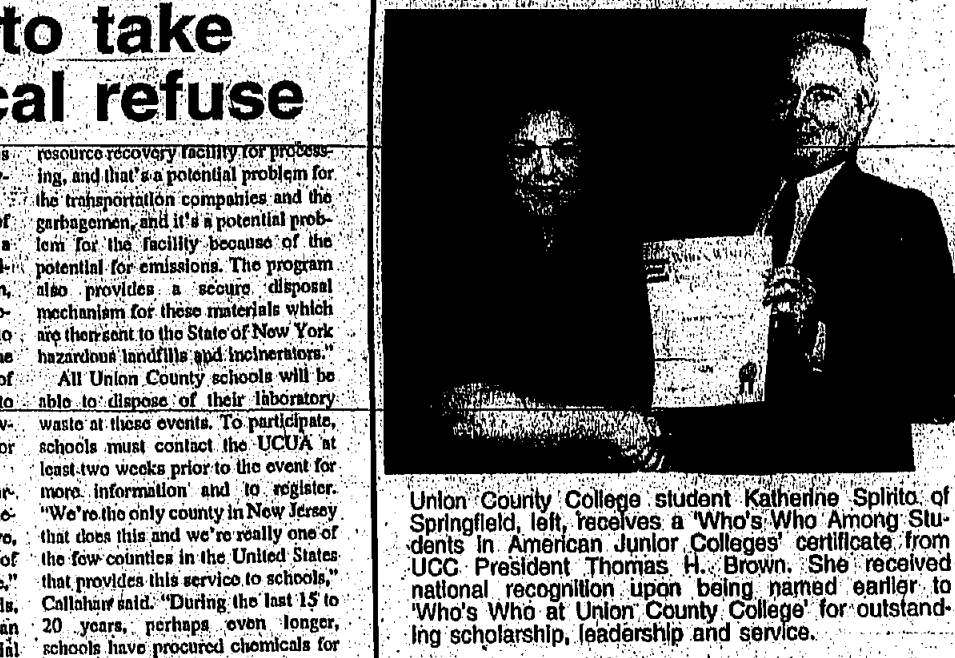
The Eastern Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a first aid and CPR instructor course.

The courses are about 20 hours and will be held today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$15 and the deadline to register is tomorrow at 4 p.m.

Certification is recognized nationally by all American Red Cross chapters. For more information and a registration form, call Anne Dastovsky at (908) 533-2500 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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On the A-list



Union County College student Katherine Splitst of Springfield, left, receives a 'Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges' certificate from UCC President Thomas H. Brown. She received national recognition upon being named earlier to 'Who's Who at Union County College' for outstanding scholarship, leadership and service.

Splashing around

By **Christine Eng**
 Correspondent

Anyone who has ever attended college knows that the road to getting there can be intimidating and confusing. To make the experience a little easier, the Springfield Free Public Library will present its "Getting Ready for College" series for the third consecutive year.

The first series is scheduled for Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and features Matthew Margit of Drew University. As the assistant director of admission, Margit will bring fresh light on what students can do to improve their college essays to best present themselves in writing.

On Sept. 11 at 7 p.m., Katherine Barnes of the well-known SAT and PSAT preparatory program, "The Princeton Review," will appear to give her tips on how to take the often frustrating test. She will present the student strategies and techniques for getting the highest possible score at the last program, to take place on Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m., will be of great interest to the parents. Joyce Farmer, director of financial aid at Fairleigh Dickinson University, will help guide parents through the puzzling process of applying for scholarships, loans and other forms of financial support.

The library also has its own resources to help college-bound students. On-line college reference books are available to those interested as well as other college introductory books.

The library invites students of all grade levels to attend the series. Although the programs are free, advanced registration is required of all attendees.

Those interested can register at the circulation desk or call (201) 376-6300. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield.

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Firemen tee off in fall outing

The Springfield Fire Department's Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 37 is again sponsoring a fundraiser golf tournament on Nov. 12 at the Dabrowski Golf Club, host of the 1993 U.S. Open. A Nov. 18 rain date has been scheduled.

With the success of last year's tournament, the department was able to continue support for the St. Barnabas Day Center, to sponsor and co-sponsor various local youth programs, and to continue with other established programs such as the FAMA's "Tot-Finder" program and the successful Infant Smoke Detector program, which provides a child's smoke detector free of charge to parents of newborn children in Springfield.

Springfield residents and businesses, as well as any out-of-town business, golfers and the general public may play a round of golf in this tournament at a cost of \$250 per golfer. Availability is limited to 120 golfers on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets will be reserved until Sept. 15.

Additionally, businesses and the public may also participate by sponsoring a hole or a tee at a cost of \$100. As a sponsor, a sign with their company or individual name will be displayed at the hole or tee.

County Superior Court seeks volunteers for committees

The Superior Court in Union County is seeking volunteers to enhance services in two areas.

County residents are wanted to staff the Juvenile Conference Committee. Each committee is a citizen panel consisting of six to nine volunteers appointed by the presiding judge of the Family Court, and hears matters involving first or second time minor juvenile delinquency complaints that are referred by the court.

The committees are concerned with deterring future delinquent acts of young people in their communities. Membership includes those who are attorneys, judges, police officers, and other professionals who handle juvenile delinquency cases in Union County, judiciary employees, and municipal court judges or their spouses. Membership also includes those who hold or seek any appointed or elected political office, including a board of education.

Anyone interested in volunteering one-eight-per-month for the program or is interested in finding out about other volunteer opportunities available throughout the judiciary, may call Nancy Spino-Yurek, acting Volunteering Coordinator, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at (908) 527-4325 or write her at the Union County Court House Annex, Fifth Floor, Elizabeth, 07207.

The county courthouse also is in need of staff for its Volunteer Reception Unit. Volunteers are offered locations throughout the courthouse in Elizabeth. They will be responsible for directing parties and handling court and office as well as giving basic information and paperwork. Volunteers will be paid \$10 per hour for their time and receive a work. Full training will be available. Anyone interested in volunteering for this program also may contact Yurek.

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Governor signs uniform bill

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The bill allows for school districts to institute dress codes which can include a mandatory uniform policy.

"As President Clinton did, many of us here in New Jersey have come to the realization that a school uniform policy gives school boards, principals and parents one more tool to improve the school environment and promote discipline and education," Lesniak said.

"Uniforms put an end to the fashion competition and allow students to refocus their talents and energies on learning."

County schools can dispose of lab waste

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The bill allows for school districts to dispose of hazardous waste in their science curricula, and very often these chemicals have laid around in the science department and in labs for a long period of time because schools didn't know what to do with them and wouldn't have the wherewithal, the funds, to dispose of this waste.

"This is our second year for this and it provides a convenient mechanism to dispose of this material. It's very important for the schools because they can clean out their stockpiles of old chemicals that no longer would be utilized. They have to pay us for this service, but because we provided the service, our cost of disposal is much cheaper than if the schools went directly to a Cytotech to get a service to dispose of these materials."

Acceptable materials include oil-based paints and varnishes, pool chemicals, solvents and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, caustics, solvents, thinners, aerosol cans, asphalt sealers, fire extinguishers, dry cleaning fluids and solvents, motor oil, motor oil filters, automotive greases, batteries, propane tanks, broken fluorescent bulbs, thermistors, and mercury switches. Only materials in their original containers will be accepted.

A special item has been added to reduce the improper disposal of lead and cadmium, two toxic heavy metals. Rechargeable batteries contain nickel, cadmium, small nickel cadmium or lead batteries should be recycled with other batteries.

For more information or to register, residents can call the OCWA at (908) 382-2400 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 1 and 4:30 p.m.

'Get back to nature' at Trailside

This summer, Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop offers a unique opportunity for all ages to "get back to nature" during special workshops and day camps.

"Trailside's summer sessions continue through Aug. 23.

For the 3- to 4-year-old preschool set, "The Two of Us" provides child-appropriate nature, activities, and fun. Children entering the first and second grades will participate in "Trailside's" environmental education program through Aug. 23.

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Trailside also will be offering two five-day camps in which children have the option of signing up for half-day or full-day sessions. The morning portion of "Native Discovery Camp" immerses children in nature's wonders through exploration of forest, field, stream and pond followed by a fascinating look at the world of insects. The afternoon session introduces "Natural Beginnings" introduces students to food chains and through planting, activity, games, hikes and crafts, the interdependence of all living things is stressed. "Flowers, Fungi and Seeds" teaches children about different animal "scats" and groups. Live "animal guests" round out this week of fun. "The Dinosaur Hunter" will take students back through time to the days of the "terrible lizards" and includes a dinosaur game and a "fossil hunting expedition." "Going Buggy" focuses on the child on the many six-legged creatures called insects.

Children ages 4 to 6 get "cool" during "Wet and Wild" when they get wet, discovering water wonders and the importance of wildlife. "Rabbits" will bring the bird world into focus as participants discover the life and ways of Native Americans who lived in harmony with nature. "Earth and Sky Wonders" will have students investigating the world beneath their feet. The morning session includes soil sampling and exploration of the under-world and its inhabitants. The afternoon session focuses on day and nighttime sounds and their special features.

Dates, times and fees for all programs vary. Call (908) 789-9670 for registration and more information.

Breast-feeding seminar set

Area residents can learn about the benefits of mother's milk at a seminar titled "Breast Feeding - Challenges and Choices" at Take Good Care, a health care superstore in Springfield.

The free seminar will be conducted by Joann Gettings, BCLC lactation consultant, and will take place Aug. 22 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the store, located at 160 Route 22.

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Civic Calendar

- The Civic Calendar is prepared each week by the Springfield Leader and Mountaintop Echo. It is a listing of government meetings open to the public.
- Tuesday**
• The Borough Council of Mountaintop will hold its regular meeting in Borough Hall at 8 p.m.
- Aug. 26**
• The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Planning Board Room in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 27**
• The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. with its regular meeting following at 8 p.m.
- Sept. 4**
• The Springfield Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
- Sept. 5**
• The Springfield Board of Health will meet at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
- Sept. 9**
• The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Planning Board Room in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10**
• The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. with its regular meeting following at 8 p.m.
- Sept. 14**
• The Borough Council of Mountaintop will hold its work session in Borough Hall at 8 p.m.
- Sept. 17**
• The Springfield-Environmental Commission will hold its monthly meeting in the Planning Board Room of the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.
- Sept. 18**
• The Borough Council of Mountaintop will hold its regular meeting in Borough Hall at 8 p.m.
- Sept. 23**
• The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, followed by its regular meeting at 8 p.m.
- Sept. 30**
• The Local Assistance Board of Springfield will meet in the Welfare Director's Office on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 2**
• The Springfield Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
- The Springfield Board of Health will meet at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Officials seek change in area flight patterns

By Christopher Tooley
Staff Writer

In an effort to reduce air traffic noise, officials from Union County municipalities are working to rally residents to join together and force the Federal Aviation Administration to alter the take-off flight paths from Newark International Airport.

Mayor James Kenworthy's representative to the Union County Aviation Advisory Board, which advises the freeholders on policy, has been fighting this issue since he was appointed to the board by former Mayor Joseph Rego two years ago.

Ramos said that a hearing has been scheduled for Sept. 30 at Harding School for residents to voice their complaints on the issue. "I'm hoping to have a large number of people there to show the FAA that we're serious about it," he said.

The New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise Board of Trustees has given its support to a bill that would require the FAA to review the Eastern Regional Office to Union County. Ramos also supports such a bill. "It's a goal. It's the only way we can gain any relief by public support going out and lobbying to Congress. It's a chance to bring the government to Kenworthy instead of the other way around," he said.

Alexander Balaban, Roselle Park's representative to the Advisory Board, agreed with Ramos. "That would provide more accessibility for citizens' complaints. They're very hard to get a hold of," Balaban said.

Balaban explained that in mid-April, the Solberg, Midglinton Plan allowed Newark's take-off patterns to alter the air traffic noise above the area.

group to have common sense approaches applied for the sake of the people, and they want their environment back. And for the FAA to deal with the county, Elizabeth and two congressmen is a lot better than just dealing with the mayor of Elizabeth. It's more effective," he said.

But DeLoria believes that with the recent crash TWA Flight 800, the FAA will focus its attention on mechanics rather than air traffic noise. "You're working with planes that are old and ready to modify and the FAA hasn't taken a stronger stance on that. Obviously, with what's going on with the airplanes with just this mechanical problems, the FAA is going to be focusing more on that than air noise," he said.

"Unfortunately, we don't get the kind of support from our elected officials to really fight the battle for us," Millic said. "And, heaven forbid, if there is ever an airline failure or collision and a plane comes down on the thoroughfare in Park. So, we certainly need relief, but it's not something that hasn't been said time and time again."

"This has been an ongoing problem for the residents of Roselle Park for a number of years," Millic said. "Every night, anytime after 6:00 clock at night, hour after hour, the planes come right over the Roselle Park. In my opinion, they're flying much lower than their standards allow. Some these planes— they could almost throw a baseball and hit them."

DeLoria echoed Millic's comments. "When we're in our council meeting, it wasn't five minutes after the discussion of the air noise problem, we heard an airplane going over our municipal building," he said.

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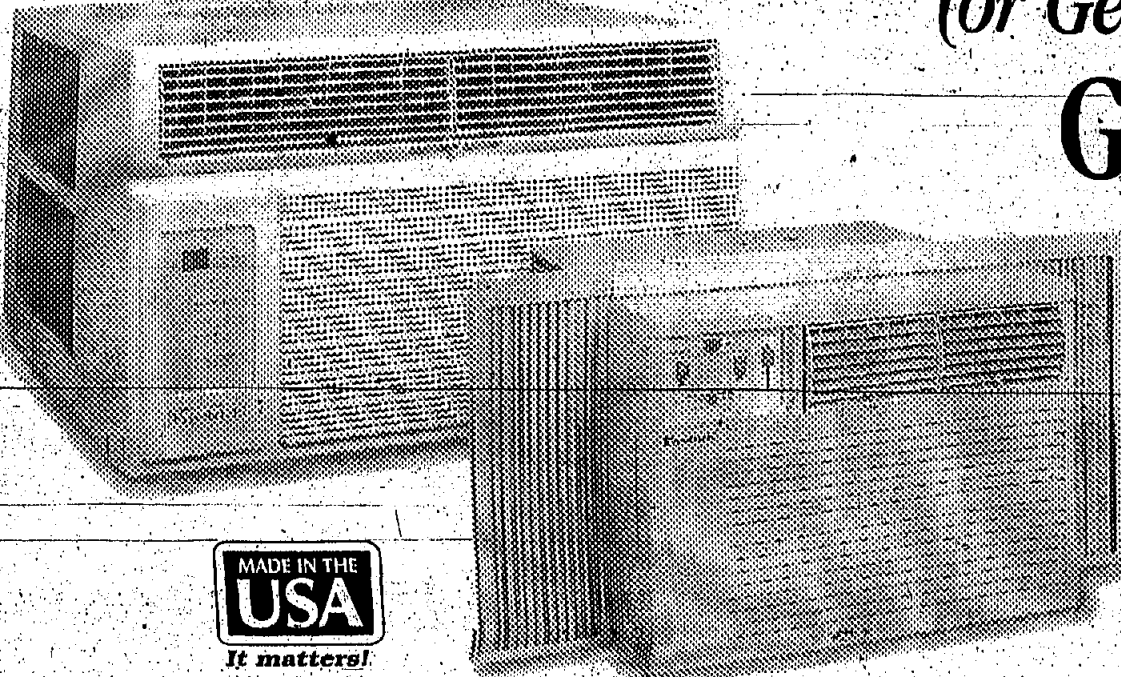
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OPINION

Keep watchful eye

While allowing students access to the seemingly endless supply of information waiting for them on the Internet, allowing them to surf the net unrestricted through its pages would be most irresponsible of the adults in charge.

The form of self-regulation is similar to that at the national level because of the censoring of material on the Internet. While abiding by the Constitutional right to free speech all Americans have under the First Amendment, many have been concerned about the unrestricted access to explicit images and materials this gives youngsters via their computers.

By regulating the Internet on their end, the regional district seems to have run into an acceptable answer to the problem — providing a worldwide wealth of information while keeping an eye on their young charges.

Holding pattern

Unfortunately, this self-regulating policy for the Internet has yet to be enacted. The "Acceptable Use Policy" was tabled during last week's regional Board of Education meeting because of some issues raised by board members.

As the policy sits before the Technology Committee for review, we commend the regional district for its efforts to provide an uncensored learning environment. This policy would only serve to reinforce the idea of school as a second home.

Giving a head start

The community's thanks should go to the Springfield Free Public Library for again providing help to high schoolers headed to college.

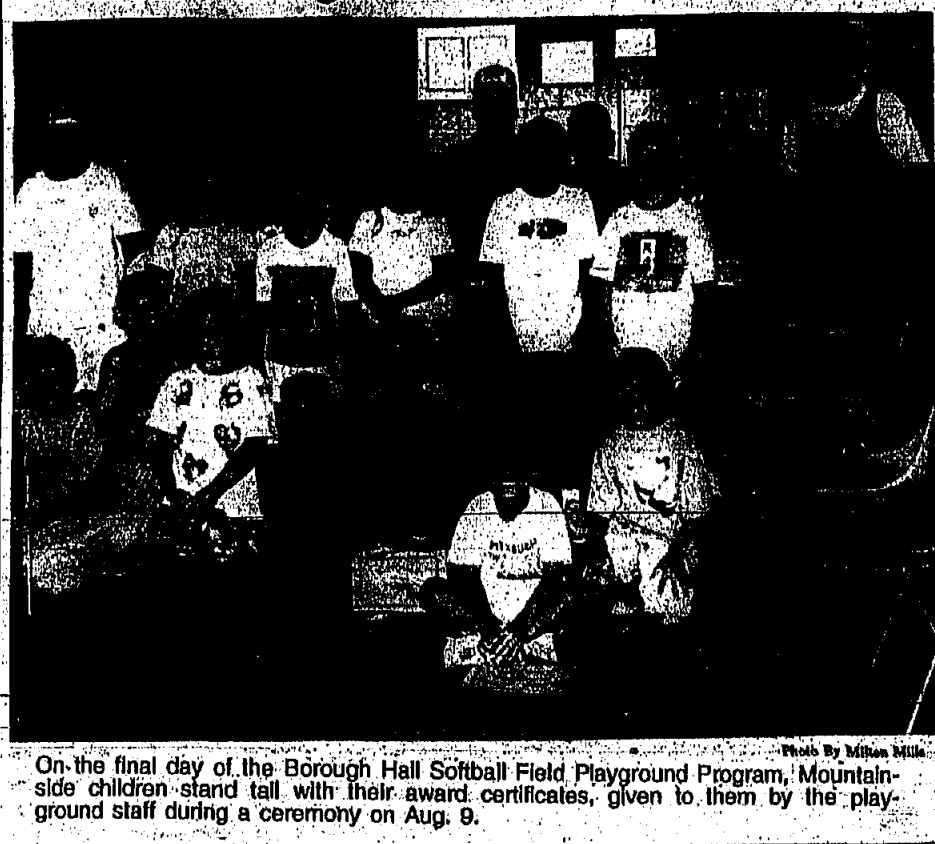
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Award-winning summer



On the final day of the Borough Hall Softball Field Program, Mountainside children stand tall with their award certificates, given to them by the playground staff during a ceremony on Aug. 9.

Buy American and save a job

Our country is facing severe problems as far as the American worker is concerned. First, we faced the shrinking working class in America. Now this is being followed by the shrinking middle class.

In the name of larger profits, American companies are moving more and more manufacturing plants to foreign countries to increase profits for executives and shareholders.

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Where are the state's priorities?

Last week, this newspaper reported on even greater efforts made by the Department and Department of Transportation toward repairing the system of sound barriers along Route 78 and 24. While it's great that they're jumping on this problem, it makes me wonder where everyone's priorities are.

Just Flitz

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Managing Editor

Highway. The Springfield, Fire Department has been complaining about the DOT's lack of response for a while — at least since last September when I started this job.

Views On The News

By Bloine Dilport
Staff Writer

not going to tolerate the loss of jobs in America, and the creation of slave labor overseas, in the name of profits for the very few. I know that when I buy something, I always check where it was made and I always choose products that were made in America.

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RELIGION

New Member Tea

Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield will hold a New Member Tea on Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Individuals and families interested in learning more about Temple Sha'arey Shalom are invited to attend.

Oak Knoll honor roll

Springfield resident Christina Caron, Jennifer Szymanski and Christina Tien were among the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child students to achieve first honors and join the school's Honor roll for the third semester.

Widener dean's list

Springfield resident Heather O'Brien is one of the students who have been named to the dean's list at Widener University with campuses in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Rochester dean's list

Springfield resident Mariya Lantzova, a junior majoring in economics at the University of Rochester, has been named to the spring 1996 dean's list for academic achievement.

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From The Editor's Notebook

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 attitude when they approached the register to pay for their order.
 There is a difference between "mooching" public assistance and "relying on" public assistance. This is the one that, hopefully, we want to perform will target. The federal appeals court's decision to uphold the New Jersey law and deny additional benefits to mothers on welfare who have children is a step in the right direction, not a callous attitude toward people.

Interviews slated

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is interviewing for the following positions:
 • a group for teenage female survivors of rape age 13 to 17.
 • a group for adult female survivors of rape age 19 to 30 addressing different kinds of sexual assault.
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 The gates open at 8 a.m. Admission is \$2 per person or \$5 per carload. To register a car is \$10 by Sept. 1, and \$15 at the gate. All car makes and models are welcome, but no trucks. Car judging will be from noon-3 p.m., and awards will be given out at 4 p.m.
 For swap meet vendors information or any other questions, call 276-4395. The event is sponsored by the Olden Rallye Club, Toco Refining Company and Ryan Oldenblich of

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Are you a high school senior girl with plans to go to college and need scholarship funds? The New Jersey Junior Miss Program is seeking candidates who will graduate with the Class of 1997 to compete for cash and college scholarship awards.
 Candidates must be bona fide high school seniors graduating with the Class of 1997, be U.S. citizens, have scholastic ability, leadership in school, talent, poise and fitness.
 For a free brochure on how to participate in this scholarship program, write to New Jersey Junior Miss, Dept. N, P.O. Box 246, Audubon, NJ 07006-0246, before Sept. 21.

Vietnam vets sought

The 39th annual scholarship program will be held in January, 1997 in Cherry Hill, Camden County. A total of \$6,100 in cash scholarships was awarded to New Jersey's Junior Miss for 1996 and the winners-up.
 In lieu of the cash scholarships, the winners may choose one of the four-year, full-tuition scholarships offered in New Jersey by the College of St. Elizabeth, Caldwell College and Gloucester College and from 19 other colleges and universities in Alabama, Arkansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia.
 For more information, contact Albert "Ken" Deal at 636-2277 or write to Vietnam Veterans of America, Elizabeth Chapter, P.O. Box 2465, Elizabeth, 07207.

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced a resolution thanking Chase Manhattan Bank for their support.
 After hearing from Assemblyman Angilino and a few members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the assemblyman opened the evening with a moving rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner."
 Conductor Mariusz Smolij introduced the night's program. All the arrangements to be performed were inspired by a story, legend or historical event, and had been chosen from different composers and tales from around the world. The program began with Italian composer Rossini's "Overture to William Tell." With tongue in cheek, Smolij commented that although the audience would find the tune to be a familiar one, it was not originally the theme to "The Lone Ranger" television show.
 Smolij informed concert-goers that William Tell was a 18th-century patriot and freedom fighter. The music reflected his energy and courage; as the trumpets heralded the arrival of the snow-wilding expedition. This audience member could "hear" the horse in full gallop, through the energetic efforts of the entire symphony.
 French composer Dukas' "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" followed the overture. Smolij explained that the music is based on a Goethe story of a student magician who casts a spell to make water flow. The student, however, can not figure out how to stop the flow, however, and is finally rescued by the master.
 The piece began with the slow, soft, and mysterious strains of woodwind and string, especially dominated by the violin, an instrument historically associated with magic, mystery, and the occult. Action was implied in the quickening of these strains, with the addition of bell-tones creating a sense of mischief. The horn section sounded the alarm of the student's "fall-pipe," and the ominous bass drum provided a background for the master's approach.
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DINING/ENTERTAINMENT

Deep in the heart of Rahway

Regional favorite The Tim Gillis Band is still plugging their new country sound

By Jacquie McCarthy, Associate Editor
The aspect of my job most satisfying to me is getting to speak with local artists whose talent has not gone unnoticed, and learn about how they struggled and eventually succeeded.

"Did you know that one of your singers used to be my music teacher in junior high?" was the first question I asked the consummate performer. Gillis cracked up laughing.

Gillis recorded his debut album, "Both Sides of Tim Gillis" with his "Toby Live" country band. The album, as well as other releases, "Toby Live" and "The Nashville Edition,"

"Toby Live" contains all original songs. The band even got some airplay on WJNY in New York some years ago. Gillis' musical roots are strong. "Sugar Sweet," which made the charts. It was about the time Elvis died," said Gillis.

In the Tim Gillis Band, this country-loving Texan has found some kindred spirits. All New Jersey natives. While playing at Zaly's in the early '80s, Gillis was asked to form a 10-piece band, and decided he wanted to include some women.

Gillis reflected on what brought the rest of the band together. Danner Mary Magline is a friend of one of Gillis' agents, and Mike Calabrese, the newest member of the band on guitar, was recruited through Gillis' production manager. Steel guitar player Ben Leveson has been around since the Zaly's days.

"I've seen it go through so many changes. The Navy brought Gillis to our shores in 1972. He was a recruiter, working from Dover to Sarsenville. Those days, Gillis sits behind a desk at Berkeley College in New York as Director of Placement, no longer able to afford to pursue music on a full-time basis.



The 'New Country' sound of The Tim Gillis Band will be presented tonight at 7 p.m. outside of the Union County Arts Center in Rahway, the third night in the Rahway Mayor's Concert Series.

tribute to Elvis with Ronnie Lee Steele at Arlie's Club Elmour. 1871 Vanxhall Road, Union, N.J. 687-7777. Fri. Aug. 16th

Rahway theater company receives multiple nominations from A.C.T.

Arts Council of Union County (A.C.T.) Awards at the organization's Nominations Plenary held at Edison's Roosevelt Park on August 3.

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Lee is not a contender for Oscar even after Scorsese-produced film

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The Video Detective

directed Joe's Best-Sold Barbeshop: We Cut Heads, in 1980, which won the Academy Award for Best Student Film. In 1986 he made his big screen debut with the low budget sleeper hit "Boyz n the City."

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Plainfield gallery showcases Roselle Park award winner

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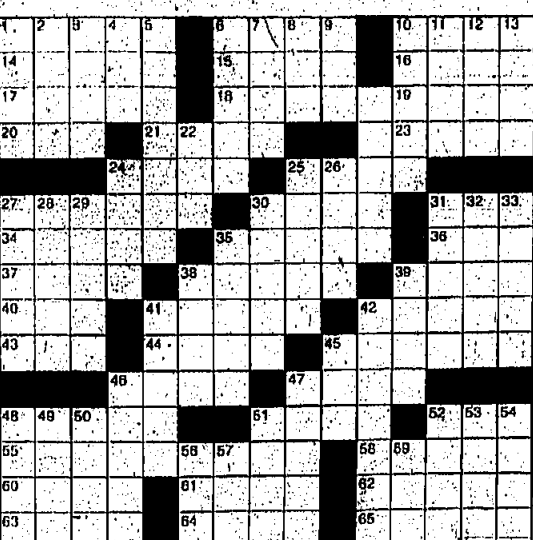
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Luck of the Irish
 brings popular band to Echo Lake Park

Willy Cooney is one of the top up-and-coming stars of the Irish music scene in America. Recently crowned by the New York Times as Irish America's Native Son, Andy has been working "ambulance" to bring Irish music to the Union County Summer Arts Festival.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., the public can relax and enjoy the show, which is presented free of charge in Echo Lake Park. Mountaintop, by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Elizabethtown Gas Company.

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 An old enemy may be in a vulnerable position. It's up to you—will you take advantage of it or not?

LIBRA September 23-October 23
 Focus on the small pleasures in life to bring your outlook after a stressful time. Music, good food, a relaxing shower—these are all possibilities. Even better, share the time with a loved one who might have been missing out on your attention.

SCORPIO October 24-November 23
 Sometimes it's better to make any decision than to muddle around. Now is one of those times. Set yourself a deadline, gather the information, get the advice of an expert or a professional and then—go for it!

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21
 Your adventurous and generous heart have won you many admirers. Now put your money where your mouth is. Are you leaving any promises unkept? Focus on a new relationship that's in need of some attention.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20
 A conservative streak has been just the thing to deal with recent events, but now it's time to let your hair down. Turn loose in the company of some trusted friends, and blow off all that stress. When the air is clear, you'll have discovered something really important.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18
 Leave the office behind when you are done with work, and you'll leave some of the stress behind, too. If you're really feeling overwhelmed, ask a loved one to pamper you a little. His or her care may be just what your task could be a revelation.

PISCES February 19-March 20
 Your open-minded and friendly nature is being tested. Focus on your health. It's time to do some testing—and some reading. Focusing your attention is the best way to keep from being overwhelmed. Consider the things that you truly love, and you'll find the task easy.

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Local thesbian travels from Springfield to Texas

A young lady with connections to Springfield is making her way to a new home in the company of the musical drama "Texas". The internationally acclaimed drama is in its 31st season at Pioneer Amphitheater in Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

Written by Pulitzer-Prize winner Paul Green, "Texas" tells a story of a young man, a young woman, and a young man who are drawn to the rugged landscape of the Texas Panhandle. The story is set in the 1920s and follows the lives of three young people who are drawn to the rugged landscape of the Texas Panhandle.

Members reap benefits from joining arts center

One need not be an artist to enjoy membership in the Watching Arts Center. Members get a monthly newsletter, discounts on certain events, plus other benefits. But those members who are artists are rewarded with an additional dividend: participation in a membership art show.

Artist-Members will be submitting work in various media: drawing, painting, photography and even three-dimensional art. This makes for a diverse and interesting show, awarded by non-exhibiting members and the public alike.

Accepted work will be exhibited from September 4 to 28, with gallery hours Monday through Saturday from 11 to 4 p.m. The Joint Members Art Show will have its public reception on Sunday, September 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. This is an opportunity for visitors to see the work, meet the artists, and enjoy light refreshments. There is no admission charge for the reception of the exhibit.

Not just any member work is accepted. It must be selected from among submitted work as being worthy of exhibit. Noted professional artists and talented amateurs are found among the Center's members, and their work will fill the both Upper and Lower Galleries for this show. The displayed pieces are available for purchase from the artists.

Diana Brito, Director of the Artist's Showcase in Cheshire, will be the distinguished juror for the show. She will select first, second and third place winners, with ribbons to be awarded at the reception.

At month end, the exhibit will travel to the Somerset County Building in Somerset, where it will be displayed in the public entry lobby. Ample parking is available adjacent to the Center's historic building on the Watching Circle. It is easily reached from Interstate 78, exit 40, or Route 22, Plainfield overpass.

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In some persons, particularly children under five years of age, the infection can also cause a complication called Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome, which can lead to kidney failure and death. The kidneys fail, requiring multiple transfusions and kidney dialysis, with a 5 percent 5 percent death rate.

E. coli O157:H7 can live in the intestines of healthy cattle. Meat can be contaminated during slaughter and organs can be thoroughly rinsed into beef when it is ground. Bacteria can also contaminate raw milk during the milking process. Infected persons with "diarrhea" may pass their organism from one person to another if hygiene or hand washing habits are inadequate. A federal grant of \$7.5 million from the National Institutes of Health was announced on October 6, 1995 and will be used to conduct research into this deadly disease.

Persons can minimize the risk of food-borne illness by following simple precautions in the kitchen when handling food:

- Wash frozen meat and poultry in a plate in the refrigerator, not on the counter. If you must speed up the process, use a microwave oven.
- When preparing poultry, raise inside and out with cold water to remove surface bacteria before cooking. Wash your hands, counter top and utensils in hot soapy water between each step of food preparation as bacteria, if present, can easily be spread to other foods exposed to the same surfaces.
- Buy a meat thermometer and use it regularly. Cook beef and poultry to an internal temperature of 160 Fahrenheit. Cook hamburgers until the middle is no longer pink and the juices run clear. Salmonella and E. coli O157:H7 bacteria are easily destroyed by thorough cooking.
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Officials at Elizabeth General Medical Center announced this week that it received approval from the New Jersey Department of Health to establish a cardiac catheterization laboratory. The Medical Center now will be able to develop a state-of-the-art service that will perform invasive, detailed studies of the coronary arteries of patients who are at cardiac risk.

The typical patient of new cardiac catheterization lab will be someone who has already received a diagnosis of coronary artery disease and is in need of further evaluation before undergoing a corrective procedure such as angioplasty or coronary bypass surgery. According to David A. Fletcher, president of the Medical Center, approximately 500 Eastern Union County residents in need of cardiac catheterization have the area for "diagnostic" each year. "The development of this service will help meet this demand by providing an additional, high-quality resource in the heart of our community," he said.

Elizabeth General Medical Center's approval to perform cardiac catheterization represents "a logical addition" to the wide range of heart-related services the Medical Center already provides, according to Ralph G. Ortolano, M.D., Clinical Director, Department of Medicine at the Medical Center. Current heart-related services include:

- Comprehensive diagnostic and management of cardiac patients through the Medical Center's 20-bed Intensive Care Unit, cardiac rehabilitation through the Diamond Center for Cardiac Rehabilitation, stress testing, Holter monitoring, vascular studies, echocardiography, electrocardiography, and an aggressive community education effort. In 1995, the Medical Center performed nearly 25,000 non-invasive heart procedures.
- ECGM recognizes that heart disease represents a significant problem for many minority populations, as well as other persons in ECGM's service area, explained Victor M. Hatan, vice president of Magnetite at the Medical Center. "Heart disease is the leading illness in Union County, with a mortality rate of 328.88 per 100,000 residents in 1991, according to the NJ Department of Health. This is 9% higher than for the state overall. As the geriatric population ages, so too will the demand for cardiac related services."
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Having a friend in the community can make a wonderful difference in the life of a person with a disability. If you would like to know more about The Arc's Citizen Advocacy Program, please contact Ms. Goldberg at (908) 754-7658.

ADA seeks volunteers for October walk-a-thon

The American Diabetes Association needs volunteers for its local Walk-a-thon committee. Volunteers are needed to roll their walk-a-thon into action Oct. 3 and 6.

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New school year may bring changes in every NJ district

Trenton tries to meet Supreme Court mandate

By Kevin Singer
Staff Writer

While children across the state take a break from school, the Legislature has been working on a plan that would revolutionize the curricula and funding of public school education.

The pending legislation, known as the Comprehensive Plan for Educational Improvement and School Financing, calls for the establishment of a core curriculum and introduces a formula to determine spending levels for each district in the state.

In 1994, the state Supreme Court ordered Trenton to provide a quality of education similar among all school districts to end what it called a disparity in the quality among the districts.

The mathematics standards would require students to pose and solve mathematical problems, develop reasoning ability, numbers sense, and spatial sense, and understand statistics, algebra, and simple calculus.

The standards also focus on technology, such as computers and calculators, as an "integral part of school mathematics curricula at every grade level."

With the science standards, the legislation stresses the instruction of broad scientific areas and investigation processes. The standards cover life sciences, physics, and technology.

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In Elizabeth, teachers receive a new helper

By Randee Bayer-Spittler
Staff Writer

Teachers in Elizabeth now have a new resource to tap into: the Division of Staff Development, Best Practices, and Innovative Programs recently created in the administrative reorganization passed by the Elizabeth Board of Education.

Superintendent Thomas Dunn Jr. said this new division is a "vital part" of the reorganization.

"The amount of money that was spent in the past on staff development was insignificant," he also said. "This division will improve our staff development and provide teachers with a clearing house of information that can help improve classroom performance."

He chose Jennifer Barrett, who'd been head of testing and monitoring for the district, and was moved earlier during the reorganization to special services, to head the new division.

Barrett will start her new position tomorrow, if a new director of special services had been appointed.

"In my professional opinion, she is the best qualified person to hold this position," he said, adding that he found her vision of the district compatible with his, but that he felt her experience in testing and monitoring gave her a knowledge of the school district that will enhance the position.

Barrett said she is "excited" at the prospect of building an entire division from the ground up, and that she believes this new division can change the face of Elizabeth schools.

"I share Superintendent Dunn's vision for this division," she said.

"This division will improve our staff development and provide teachers with a clearing house of information that can help improve classroom performance."

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Union County Vocational-Technical School graduate Jennifer Roby, center, is joined by Board of Education members following the recent Vo-Tec graduation ceremony. Roby, who graduated from the college's horticulture program, will take part in a 12-day agricultural seminar in Europe. From left: Board of Education President Charles Mancuso, board member Jane Lorber, Roby, board Vice President Gail Tammattio and former acting Superintendent of Schools David Livingston.

Dance school class to begin in Westfield

Fall registration for classes at the Westfield School of Dance, 401 Boulevard Westfield, will take place on Aug. 27, 28, 29, from noon to 8 p.m.

The owner and artistic director is Jenny Logan, former director of the Broadway Dance Center in New York City, where she was responsible for hiring the faculty.

Logan's performing career includes a range of styles, working with Suzanne Farrell and Sean Lavery of the New York City Ballet and choreographers Carolyn Adams and Danny Grossman of the Paul Taylor Dance Company. She also was the assistant director to Frank Hatchett's jazz showpieces.

She also guest teaches and choreographs for children throughout the country.

For more information, call 769-3011.

Admissions Q and A

A Union County College admissions representative will be on hand during August at municipal libraries to answer questions about enrollment.

This year's remaining library visitation schedule, all held from 3 to 5 p.m., is as follows:

- Monday, Plainfield Public Library, Eighth Street and Park Avenue.
- Tuesday, Elizabeth Public Library, South Broad Street.
- Wednesday, Roselle Public Library, 104 W. Fourth Ave.

After referendum, a district will inherit a high school

By Elaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Believe it or not, summer is almost over, and for many thoughts turn to the beginning of another school year.

For parents, this will mean getting their children ready for new experiences and preparing for the various chores, like finding school supplies and a new wardrobe.

For the Springfield Board of Education, the 1996-97 academic year will be the last year the district will not include a high school. Board members are preparing to take over Jonathan Dayton High School, which now is owned and operated by the soon-to-be dissolved Union County Regional High School District.

"The dislocation is going along according to plan, we see no problem with having everything in place for when we assume control," said Gary Ties, president of the Board of Education. "We are very busy and we are doing a lot of work. We are trying to gather information as to how we are going to work out the scheduling for the kids. We are also in the process of budgeting for a pre-kindergarten through third-grade system, so we are gathering as much information that has been provided for us from the high school so that we will know how much to budget for the new system."

The board also has been going to the high school to familiarize themselves with the layout of the school so that when the time

comes, they will be able to have a grasp of what needs to be done and what facilities are available for use.

"The local school board has also done about two or three walk-throughs of the high school to check out its facilities. The building and grounds committee has been through the school a few times, because we will have to put together a five-year facility plan so that once we get in, we can start working on the plan right off," Ties said.

"The board did catch a break in the sense that the regional school district is honoring plans to do some renovations to Jonathan Dayton High School."

"Lackluster, if one passes the high school, they can see work being done to the tower and they are also redoing the windows. This work was budgeted prior to the dislocation, so whatever monies were appropriated for certain projects is still there and the work is being carried out by the regional board. Overall, we think the high school is in pretty fair shape, but as far as we are concerned, it needs to be cleaned up a little bit," Ties also said.

New soccer program
Something that will be new for this school year will be the interscholastic sports program at Gantchester School.

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ALJ students place second in sciences

Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School's Physics Team placed second among the state's top science achievers in the Merck State Science Day academic competition.

Students representing Johnson in each category combined to take top honors among all Union County teams, and earn a fifth place finish in the state — out of the 150 high schools which sent teams.

Leading the way for Johnson Regional was its physics team, which came in second: Anthony Chang, the state's high scorer in the Physics II competition; Raymond Doss; Spencer Liang; Michael Palmisano and Patrick Quintis.

In individual competition, Chang earned first place honors statewide in the Physics II category out of 738 students. Liang came in fourth place and Doss finished 37th in the same competition.

The Johnson Regional Chemistry team, featuring William Chang, German Gomez, Joseph McAvoy, Syrus Shah and Brian Tuminello, placed eighth in the state.

In Chemistry II, Syrus Shah and Joseph McAvoy earned 11th place and 40th place, respectively. Christopher Sledge, meanwhile, finished 31st in the Biology I competition.

These students are members of the Physics Team at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, which recently placed second in the annual Merck State Science Day competition. The team was one of 150 from across the state. From left: Michael Palmisano, Anthony Chang, Spencer Liang and Raymond Doss.

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School year may end, but work doesn't stop

In Hillside, summer-involves homework

By Ryan Vancil
Staff Writer

Students in Hillside may return to school in September with the feeling they'd never left. Because of programs put in place during the past school year, teachers kept the majority of their students reading and studying after the school year ended in June.

Superintendent of Schools Hiroko Miyakawa has put a priority on improving student performance on standardized tests. In that vein, this year's eighth-graders have been working all summer on assignments to help them prepare for both the Early Warning Test and the High School Proficiency Test.

The EWT, taken in the autumn, are designed to predict students' performance on the HSPT, which are taken during junior year.

To help students prepare for the test, Miyakawa, Ed Downe, the director of instruction and funding, and the district's eighth-grade language arts teachers, prepared a packet of information that was distributed to seventh-graders on the last day of school.

According to Miyakawa, the students weren't exactly enthusiastic about the summer homework, but she hears they are completing their assignments.

"In some cases they're getting together and doing their assignments in groups," she said, adding that she looks at group efforts as positive.

"It's a cooperative venture for the kids," she added, "and I think that's wonderful." As a means of involving parents in the process, the assignment folders contain a "contract" to be signed by the student and their parent or guardian, which certifies that the child has received the binder, and that the parent understands that the work will constitute "a large percentage" of the student's grade for the first marking period.

Miyakawa said this year's improvement in standardized test scores have given students "a shot in the arm," and has motivated them to continue that trend.

Eighth-grade students are not the only ones with summer homework. Miyakawa said all students had reading to complete. Downe said students would be required to write book reports on what they have read.

"They're reading the classics, as well as some newer authors," Miyakawa said. Not all of the work being done by Hillside's students, this summer was compulsory, as demonstrated by the attendance at Hillside's Summer HSPT Academy.

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From all over the planet, information comes to Clark

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

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"I'm excited. I'm looking forward to it," said Principal Linda Levine about the hook-up provided by Educational Management Group.

EMG is a company that broadcasts educational programs to schools around the country. These programs, which come with study guides and related material, gives Hahny School a chance to provide programs it otherwise could not, Levine said.

"That will give us the opportunity to bring in material that meet our program goals," she also said.

The satellite dishes, which should be hooked up in two weeks, will bring one to three channels, beamed from EMG's parent company in Phoenix.

"So if they are doing something on dinosaurs, there may well be a program on the history of dinosaurs," Levine said. It may sound like educational television, but Levine said it is more.

The hook-up, in the long run, also will allow the classes to participate in interactive and live broadcasts from locations around the country.

Elizabeth's new administrator sets new goals for district

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"A lot of decisions have been made by the leadership teams and principals at each school that others in the district may not be aware of."

She said not every program works at every school, but by allowing the leadership teams to have access to innovative programs from inside and outside the district, you know schools are using the best programs available.

Her first priority in the new division will be to work on innovative programs, and staff development, which she said will have a long-term impact on the district.

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New faculty, curriculum will greet Union students

By Bernard Davis Jr.
Staff Writer

Back to school time for Theodore Jakubowski, serving his first year as Union's superintendent of schools. Unlike that of the district's projected 1,355 students for the 1996-97 school year.

According to the superintendent, preparing for the year ahead is busy, exciting and full of promise.

"I think a lot of positive things have happened in this district in the last year," he said. "Our children's scores in standardized testing have been outstanding. 'New Jersey' magazine rated us as having one of the 45 best high schools in the state; we purchased a property for a new elementary school and senior center, and we are moving along in that direction."

The yet-to-be-named school will be located in a refurbished industrial site on Commerce Avenue. It is scheduled to open in 1997, and will ease the crowding of Union's historic, but overcrowded, Hamilton School.

Jakubowski also said the district will implement programs this school year. The new "Cares of Life" program, which began last year, is aimed at helping new high school students adapt to the transition from middle school. The district also will start a pilot language program, in which the district's director of foreign

languages will teach German to children in the first grade.

"Our DARE program continues to expand as well," Jakubowski said. "Next year we hope to see our DARE officers in the high school classrooms on a regular basis." The Board of Education last year also established a technology committee of parents, teachers, and perhaps students to help the district move into the next century.

A number of changes in the personnel will be evident in the next year, Jakubowski said. With the addition of Assistant Superintendent of Schools Deborah Abbey, Jakubowski will share the central office with a veteran in the field of education. A former schools superintendent in Bound Brook and assistant superintendent in Clifton, Osborne is to use his experience to develop a bilingual program.

Jakubowski also is preparing to hire 20 new teachers, after what he called "a big year" in the number of retirements.

"Although we don't look for our more experienced teachers to retire, if it is in their best interest and they have worked for a number of years, then they deserve it," he said. "We feel the transition with new teachers will be smooth. With new faces often come new ideas and sometimes a new perspective. Most of the replacements will occur on the junior high and high school levels."

In the coming weeks, the Board of Education and Jakubowski will discuss hiring a new elementary principal for Livingston School, a new substance abuse coordinator, additional librarians, a full-time science specialist, and "at least one replacement guidance counselor."

Meanwhile, negotiations for a three-year contract will continue, probably until September, according to the superintendent.

"Although we do not know if the negotiations will be concluded before school begins, we are confident they will be in final stages by the time school begins," Jakubowski said. "Our focus always has

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been and will continue to be the impact on our greatest commodity: our students. The collective bargaining process should take care of itself."

Jakubowski said he is looking forward to this year as the continuation of the success of the 1995-96 school year.

"I am excited about this year," he said. "It is the continuation of the many positive programs we started last year. We will continue to move in a positive direction. Working alone at central office this past year surely was an opportunity for me to gain some of the experiences that other chief school administrators might need four or five years to accumulate. I'm extremely confident for this year and the acquisition of Dr. Abbey, who with his vast experience, surely will be beneficial to our district."

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Training sessions for the general public will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Sept. 21 through Dec. 7 at the college's Plainfield campus, while sessions for library personnel will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 11 through Dec. 4, also at the Plainfield campus.

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Regarding language instruction, students would be required to learn to communicate in a language other than English. The legislation recommends "world languages start in kindergarten and continue uninterrupted through grade 12."

As the bills are still pending, some educators have questioned aspects of them. Michael Knowlton, superintendent of schools for Summit, raised questions concerning funding during his recent testimony before a joint session of the Assembly and Senate.

"My biggest concern is whether the Department of Education has carefully thought through the fiscal ramifications," he told this newspaper. "Is the state prepared to pick up any extra costs?"

Funding has been a point of debate throughout discussion of the proposed legislation. The state Supreme Court's mandate is to provide a "thorough and efficient" education to each child. Gov. Christine Whitman's plan to meet that demand includes establishing a dollar amount each school district may spend on each child.

Districts throughout the state would be required to spend no more than \$7,056 per pupil. Any excess spending would be deemed "constitutionally unnecessary" and could be rejected by the constituents of the district.

Assemblyman Joel Weingarten, R-Union and Essex, expressed his doubts concerning the legislation, saying "I've seen no proof that this plan will necessarily improve the quality of education."

Knowlton added that the Summit school system recognizes the close-to-meeting a majority of the standards, but that the world languages requirement may cause problems.

"If the state follows through and initiates the fourth-grade language test by 2001, and communities don't have the language program in place, what will that mean?" he said. "It seems only fair that the state would pick up the extra cost."

Several amendments to the legislation are under review, with voting tentatively scheduled for September.

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District readies to take over a high school

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 The district is preparing to take over Linden High School in the upcoming year. "The interdisciplinary sports program will be starting this fall with soccer. We have many people who have applied for the coaching position for the soccer program who are qualified. We already have a schedule of about six teams that we will be competing against, so this program is definitely getting off the ground. So we see a very bright future for sports and education in our town," Tis added.
 The school board also will look for community input in some aspects of the decision-making process for the school district.
 "We will have a newsletter coming out shortly, which will list several committees that we feel we still need input from the community and we urge those who are interested to contact us with ideas of where they could lend some of their expertise," he said.
 "We think we are in a position to make the system a lot better for the community of Springfield. We will come to a point where it will be very beneficial."

At Linden High School, students take to the air

By Glen Kurz
 Staff Writer
 Students at Linden High School will start the school year with an opportunity not previously afforded them.
 Channel 36, the city's public access channel, has been operating out of Linden Middle School, soon will be housed in a new studio at the high school. Within a year, if things go as planned, the television studio will be in the roomer auto shop.
 The idea for a television studio surfaced 10 years ago, when the school decided to change its focus from the more industrialized programs in the vocational building, more science and technology programs, said Superintendent James Clark Jr.
 Linden decided to close the programs that duplicated those offered at the county vocational high school. In place of those programs, the school began to explore putting in technology-based programs — one of which was television production.

Clark said the studio programming began in October of 1993 with about a dozen students. At last count, Clark said he has 57 students scheduled to take the class in the new year.
 "Because the equipment we have in there, especially the video editing equipment, is such sophisticated technology, the students can do all kinds of things to their videos," he added. "Consequently, the students in that program are sought after in the major studios."
 Because of the interest in the course, more classes were made available. There are

"By the middle of the year, we will have the capability to produce the live programming."
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levels of the television production classes, as the students who took the class last year advanced.
 "Basically we just purchased new equipment and are expanding on what we had at the end of last year," said Board of Education President Stanley Baykowski. "By the middle of the year, we will have the capability to produce the live programming, but that would have to be discussed by board. Right now we're thinking of a couple different ways we could utilize it."

Union County College offers new courses, programs

New academic programs and courses will highlight the opening of Union County College's 63rd academic year on Sept. 4.
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The computer labs at each of the Union County College campuses will be fitted with Novell equipment by the time classes resume Sept. 4. Here, Kevin Byron, left, acting director of information technologies, shows campus Provost Wallace Smith how a CD-ROM works. Novell allows users to communicate within a network and networks to communicate with each other.

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"It's also a salute to our achievements as instructors when our students are solicited by other schools and awarded scholarships by the community and grant foundations."

"We pride ourselves on being more than just a dance studio," she added. "Our students as well as their families are actively involved in community functions and are amply rewarded by the joy they bring to others."



Part of the success of the studio is due to the staff. "I feel each and every student deserves the best education possible so I bring in the finest teachers who are fully certified and qualified to teach in order to ensure all students learn the latest techniques as well as proper placement and body alignment," Socol said.

Joining the staff this year is Kathy Jo Boss, an instructor from New York University and the Broadway Dance Center in New York City. She is performing as Lavinia Camp.

These future Olympians recently performed their acro-gymnastic routine, titled 'Star Wars,' during their annual recital at Linden High School. Front, from left: Marissa Zarcona, Carolina Berinski, Jaclyn Louie, Katrina Gassler, Samantha Mizisko, Feer, from left: Vanessa Perera, Andrea D'Alessandro, Allison Shwed, Anna Peterson, Selma Durda, Jessica Louie and Amanda Campolongo.

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School pride is tied to new lockers

By Melodie Warner
Staff Writer

A new and improved school system is what Roselle students will be returning to this fall with new curricula, personnel changes, and high school lockers, officials said.

New curricula have been developed for grades three through seven, and the curricula for the other grades have been reviewed and updated, said Board of Education member Tom Berrilli.

The Silverglin Burnett literature-based curriculum is writing intensive and uses language arts across all disciplines. "Our cur-

riculum has needed to be addressed for a long time, and it has not."

Joanne Guest was appointed last year as the curriculum director. In addition to developing the new curricula for grades three through seven, she also has updated the course-work for the other grades, Berrilli said.

Teacher workshops were held over the summer to train the staff in the new curricula.

Several changes were made in personnel, including new top administrators in Leonard V. Moore Middle and Abraham Clark High schools.

Former high school Vice Principal Peter

Kovatski was promoted to L.V. Moore principal and Bobbi Bridges will be the vice principal.

Kenneth Holmes, former L.V. Moore vice principal, will be the ACHS principal, and Veronica DeNoia was promoted to vice principal. Peter Markos remains as the other vice principal.

In addition to administrative changes, many new teachers will be coming into the district. "The people that we are hiring, we expect the highest caliber of work from them," Berrilli said.

"We are trying to fine a good balance of our senior staff with new people who have energy and good ideas. I

think the area where there will be the most phenomenal will be in L.V. Moore."

According to Berrilli, \$167,000 was saved through personnel changes and retirements. The money will be used to improve technology education in the schools.

The hallways of ACHS have received a much needed facelift. New lockers were installed on the first floor. The New Jersey Industrial Equipment Company installed the new lockers at a cost of \$45,000. The estimated 700 lockers are used by 95 percent of the school's population.

"They are almost done," said ACHS Principal Kenneth Holmes.

It's never too early to learn computer skills

Pencils, paper, notebooks, and a computer. Does this look like your family's back-to-school shopping list? Today it is nearly impossible to avoid the last item, personal computers are creeping into everyone's life.

From pre-schoolers to elementary school age kids, moms, dads and grandparents all age groups need to learn how to use a PC.

Most educational software and games are intuitive enough for kids and adults to learn independently. However, when it comes to using the computer as a productivity tool or research aid, computers and the thousands of software choices can be extremely intimidating.

"Learning to become proficient with a computer is accomplished by using the PC to complete projects," said Susan Driscoll of the PC Discovery Center in Chatham.

"We teach kids and adults to use the PC to complete homework, create banners, files, invitations, ads, brochures, build budgets, track investments, trade stocks or even research companies and interests on the Internet."

The PC Discovery Center offers a variety of classes for kids and adults. Classes for kids aged 7-14 teach students how to use a computer to help with homework or other educational projects. Kids love computers and by incorporating the use of America

Online and the Internet, CD ROM Encyclopedias and other research CDs into most classes, the PC Discovery Center has been successful in teaching kids to have fun while learning.

"We also incorporate animation, video and audio recording and computer game making to make the classes fun and exciting for the kids," Driscoll said. Classes also cover basic computer skills such as keyboarding, word processing, file management and more. For preschoolers, classes combine basic computer skills with educational software to enhance reading, writing and math.

The PC Discovery Center has extended its fall sessions for kids aged 4-14. Sessions will now be seven weeks for the same cost. In addition, students can enroll for both fall sessions for a reduced rate. Classes will start Sept. 9.

"Computer training doesn't stop with kids at the PC Discovery Center. For adults, a full schedule is planned. Beginners learn basic Windows and Word Processing, while intermediate and advanced users can focus on setting up their home office they have been talking about with QuickBooks, Internet, faxing and more.

Private school stresses philosophy and history

While the United States will hold its presidential election of the century in November, many of today's high school students will be voting for the first time in the next millennium, the year 2000. Will they be prepared as citizens to exercise this very important, fundamental right?

According to Montclair Kimberley Academy Headmaster Peter R. Groer, they should be, and if they attend MKA, he is determined that they will be. Preparation for "full and active citizenship" is a primary goal in MKA's mission statement, and a two-year citizenship course is required for all freshmen and sophomores.

"Paramount to understanding citizenship is an understanding of the Founding Documents," said David Pocco, the 28-year-old Boston University graduate who teaches the citizenship course. "Emphasizing the Declaration of Independence, the Federalist Papers, and the Constitution, as well as original documents that contributed to them. We examine the basic principles by discussing current events and how concepts such as natural rights continue to be relevant."

MKA views this course as a means of gathering knowledge to build a framework for informed personal decision-making. Students examine the literature

of Aristotle, Plato, and other philosophers to study such issues as the definition of a good life, strength of will versus weakness of will, and integrity.

The citizenship core is a fifty-one-credit course, with 12 classes on the founding documents, and four each on ethics, leadership, and civic and public discourse. The curriculum will undergo a few revisions before its second year begins in September, and there will be more emphasis on the judicial review process of the Supreme Court for sophomores.

"The idea is to put theory into practice," Pocco said. "I love it when a student comes to me and says he's actually taking what he learned in class in daily life."

Groer sees the November election as a perfect illustration for students of the democratic process in action. All MKA students, grades Pre-K-12, will follow the election on an appropriate level.

On Nov. 21, the Parents Association will sponsor a post-election retrospective with political analysts, examining who won and why, and the meaning for citizens.

Pocco said the citizenship core informs students of the democratic concepts without the politics. How they then choose to interpret the concepts is their choice.

Interactive technology will link public schools

By Glen Katz
Staff Writer

The 1996-97 school year will be a landmark in Linden High School history as it becomes part of the state of the art program, called the Interactive Telecommunications Program.

With this program, there is a designated classroom within 46 high schools that communicate with classrooms in other areas of the state.

"In this setting, the teachers and students can see the students and teachers in the other school.

"There is no doubt this will be a successful program. There are advantages for students and teachers alike," Superintendent James Clark said.

Clark gave an example where there are three or four students at Linden high who want to take marine biology, but the current budget would not allow the school system to assign a teacher to teach the class.

"If, however, there are a few kids from Westfield, and a few from Union or Elizabeth, all four of those high schools will have one teacher teaching it via the interactive technology. All of the students will be able to see the teacher and the teacher will be able to see all the students. Clark said all participants would be able to communicate as if they were in the same classroom.

The above example is probably the best advocate for the program as "A few kids will have access to a program that the school previously could not provide," Clark said. "The kids go into the classroom, get their work done, and leave the room. That saves travel time and money, and the student hasn't even left the building."

The program is a two-way street, as Clark said. Teachers will provide and receive programs from the other participating schools.

There are other advantages to the program, pertaining to staff members. Clark explained that the school has the facility and the line capability for seven days a week, 24 hours a day, which means that they can offer college courses to their teachers after school, which means that Linden's students would see their teachers and complete their lessons through the program, the teachers can receive college credit from any of the participating New Jersey state colleges without leaving the school building.

Beyond that, the program works accordingly to benefit other aspects of the community such as adult education, the Police Department, Fire Department and any other community agency.

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With computers, children defy the experts

As kindergartners, the youngsters from the Neighborhood House, a child care center in Plainfield, and two other centers in the area defy every child psychology text that speaks of limited youthful attention spans and environmental influences that hold back inner-city youngsters before they learn to read.

Under the tutelage of Union County College Professor Matreosa Greenbaum, 70 children, aged 5-6, learn to use computers as educational tools. Sessions are held during morning and afternoon hours weekly for the children, who are accompanied by their classroom teachers to the midtown Grace Episcopal Church—basement, 400 Cleveland Street—Greenbaum obtained the Pentium 75 PCs, complete with six-speed CD-ROMs, state-of-the-art features through funds collected from various churches throughout New Jersey, and numerous interactive software packages that mostly were donations.

These include major computer software firms that are potential for early intervention via computer. Their faith pays off, as classes of children prove during each session that no matter where you come from or what type of material fills you might receive, once a person is motivated to learn, there are truly no barriers to progress.

A recent visit to what has been labeled the Plainfield Community Computer Center by Greenbaum, showed 10 children scrambling in for seats at monitors.

Some put on headphones to hear the audio

portion of a CD-ROM program, which they would direct using a mouse at appropriate intervals. Others listened intently to speakers as they watched the visual portion of a program on the screen.

What the children shared was an obvious fascination with what they were doing. There was no chatter; no one jumped out of his seat. What's more, the discipline was self-imposed, for the youngsters had every opportunity they could to chat with a neighbor. Instead, the only talking that occurred was when one would show another something that was of special interest.

Takes for example, a conversation between Raymond Rodriguez and Shamir Wajoy. Each perched at the edge of his chair, the silence was broken only when Shamir said, "Look, muscles." The child had been following a story being read to him over his headphones as he watched the pictorial icons that accompanied the written words on his screen.

With three forms of stimulus—the spoken word, written words and pictures—the tools were available for him to follow the storyline.

In fact, the story involved the troubles of a new boy on the block who, it reveals later, is being bullied by a girl. When Shamir places the cursor on the written word "muscles," the word is pronounced, and a figurine flexes its muscles in an animated format.

"Wow, would you look at that," Shamir declared. He shows Raymond, the two

giggle for a moment, then they return to their computer screens.

"I focused on 6 year olds because I wanted to get them before they were ready for kindergartners," said Greenbaum, noting that her own son, Noah, learned to read with the help of the PC at age 3. Fifteen to 17 kids showed up daily, mostly minority, inner-city kids whose parents were very supportive and wondered why there wasn't more of this going around.

She based her theory on a book, "Engines for Education," that she had read over the Internet. In effect, the author complains that once a person learns to learn only by reading a book, it is nearly impossible to reverse that mode because "These brain connectors software bears the burden of delivering the knowledge in an entertaining way."

According to the book, Greenbaum said that "learning happens only on a one-on-one basis, but there just are not enough teachers to afford that opportunity to every person." Land. He sees three pictures before him, that of a bear, the sun, and soldiers cutting an object, and the word "cut" printed above them.

An observer watches the child pronounce the word, making sure the consonants are clear. He then uses the mouse to fix the cursor to the picture of the scissors.

She said that she has accomplished her role as a facilitator of the project, and now seeks funding and volunteers to continue in her stead, as she returns to the college classroom. In training new facilitators, she said that all they need to do is "not to give the children answers."

Change of principals Deerfield, not only has a new school year to look forward to, but also a new

principal, although she is not now to Deerfield at all.

Andrew Zarew, who has been the assistant principal at Deerfield for three years, will serve as interim principal for the coming school year.

"We are thrilled about having our principal position filled by Andrew Zarew, who was our vice principal last year, and that will give us the continuity we need in the building itself," Geiger said.

"As far as dissolution is concerned, we anticipate dissolution to go smoothly, and really to not have much of an effect on Deerfield School at all," said Frank Geiger, president of the Board of Education.

The only major issue left regarding dissolution is to finalize the send-receive relationship with the Berkeley Heights Board of Education. Students from both towns attend Governor Livingston Regional High School, and will continue to do so after the regional is disbanded.

"We expect to have our send-receive relationship with Berkeley Heights worked out by the end of September. We are still negotiating with Berkeley Heights, but we see no problem with the arrangement coming together nicely," Geiger also said.

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Regional members plan to settle arrangements

By Blaine Dillport Staff Writer

As summer ends, thoughts turn to another school year and of the preparations that come with getting kids ready for school.

For Mountaindale, the recent vote to dissolve the Regional High School District will not affect local education, but is on the minds of many.

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Linden studio mixes dance and exercise

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on Broadway and recently returned from the five-nation tour. A former member of the Boston Ballet, she brings her knowledge and talents to La Danse as an instructor of ballet, jazz and choreography for the La Danse Competition Team.

Returning to La Danse to head the top competition teams is Mary Bileta, choreographer and instructor from the Broadway Dance Center. She can be seen performing in "The Chalk" in New York, a show she wrote and directed. Bileta has taught workshops across the country and was a former instructor at La Danse for seven years.

Curriculum at the studio includes classes in ballet, pointe, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, creative movement, hip-hop, and combo classes. Class sizes are limited so that all students are guaranteed personalized instruction. Dress codes are stringent to ensure proper attention to the technique being taught, as well as to allow teachers to properly assess body alignment. Students are encouraged to cultivate their own creativity and pride in themselves.

Boys classes have become very popular at the studio and are offered in tap-jazz, hip-hop and jazz-gymnastics. "My son enjoys his classes at La Danse and I've seen his coordination and agility improve since he

began," said Pam Polase, mother of Nico who takes tap and jazz.

Vanicka, mother of another student, said "My son has found an outlet for all his energy. I never dreamed how far his talent would take him. He takes classes in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, hip-hop, and contemporary gymnastics. He started four years ago and recently became a national champion at the Starpower Dance Finals in Maryland. We're so proud of his achievements."

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The coach and members of the Union County College Golf Team show off the second-place trophy the team won in the National Junior College Athletic Association Haglon XIX tournament held recently at the Cape May Golf Course. From left: UCC President Thomas Brown, team member James Crowe, coach William Dunscombe, team members Ronald Szotak and Kenneth Hartmann, and UCC Board of Trustees Chairman Victor Fichel.

German school to begin fall registration

The Deutsche Sprachschule, a 62-year-old German language school, announced it will have registration and begin classes for the 1996-97 school year on Sept. 7, at 9:30 a.m.

The school, which operates Saturday mornings from September to May, offers classes for children from kindergarten through eighth-grade, as well as adult classes.

Classes are held at the Franklin Elementary School on Julian Terrace. Adult classes, which begin in September, are held Saturdays in Union and Monday evenings at the Zion Lutheran Church in Clark.

More than 100 students will learn German language, traditions, and music, and offer have a chance to participate in German cultural activities.

Students attending the Deutsche Sprachschule are prepared to enter high school German classes. The school also gives the American Association of Teachers of German test, a nationally competitive examination, each year.

Tuition and fees for the school year are approximately \$350 per pupil, with discounts for families enrolling more than one child. For further information, write P.O. Box 2164, Union NJ 07083, or call the school at 688-2306.

County college adds Novell labs

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is a reconducing opportunity. But in the Plainfield campus, Novell administration is taught to students, and at the Elizabeth campus, the Electronics Engineering Technology program operates a Novell laboratory independent from Information Technologies.

In Elizabeth, the Novell laboratory has 10 stand-alone PC workstations, which enable students to learn how to set up networks and learn the concepts behind their administration.

Of the Cranford campus' Macintosh laboratory, Byron said that the college uses Novell to serve applications. Its advantages include system security and maintenance, adding that if something on the workstation is erased, the material is retrievable, because applications are on the server and may be downloaded to the workstation.

What's more, Novell can restrict access to certain applications, so that users must be authorized to gain access to the system.

Based on class enrollment with password accounts, students can save their work on the network and, through weekly back-ups, again the work may be recovered if it is erased accidentally.

At the Plainfield campus, students can see 2 work using the Novell server through both credit and non-credit courses via the Ethernet. A Hewlett-Packard LaserJet III printer, connected to the server, the server contains 11 gigabytes of storage for applications and student assignments.

Upon completion of Novell instruction, students may obtain jobs, or seek further study in network administration or engineering. The CNA is in charge of controlling access to the network by an individual user through computer accounts and establishing shareable resources. On the other hand, the certified network engineer has a hands-on

Rahway gets the 'Power' to access Internet directly

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

Rahway is wired! Rahway High School will go on the Internet when it opens its doors in September. A newly installed Power Macintosh 7250 Workgroup Server was the prize in a recent contest held by Apple Computers to find the best school homepage on the World Wide Web. The "Catch the Spirit" contest covered New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware and had more than 700 entries from New Jersey.

Rahway Intermediate School won the prize. The page was created by Eric Mandella, Eric Elabar and Collin Hartnett, who will be starting sixth-grade at the high school in September, and soon to be eighth-graders Eric Duhonin and David Gibbs in Barbara Martin's computer class.

The server, to be housed in the high school's computer lab, means Rahway schools also do not have to rely on an outside provider for a link to the Internet. The Intermediate School's homepage was hosted on Interney, which had provided schools a free link to the Internet, but was to expire this year.

If you have a link to the World Wide Web, you can check out the homepage at <http://www.rahway.com>.

There also is a link to the homepage at Web 66, a page dedicated to school homepages across the country. You can find Web 66 at <http://www.web66.com>.

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