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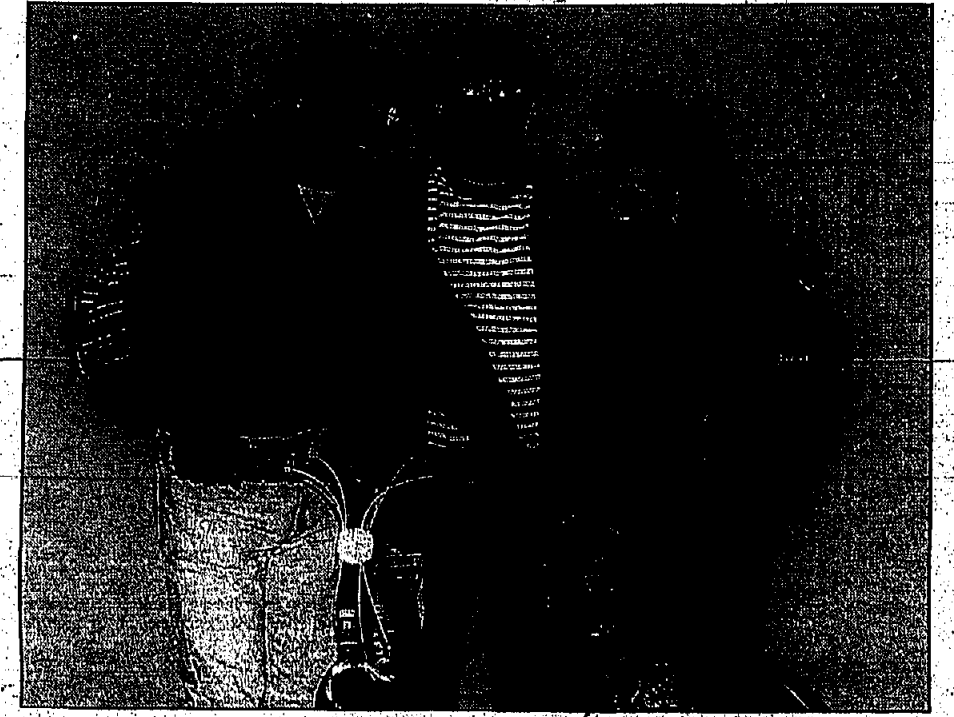
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Community Update

Team openings
The Recreation Department announces there are still openings for the upcoming fall season.

Soccer — The 1996 season will have the youngsters playing against other teams in a Recreation League. The program is open to all youngsters in grades 1-8. Games will be played on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Competition levels are: Junior, Grades 1-2; Intermediate, Grades 3-4; Youth, Grades 5-6; and Senior, Grades 7-8. There is a registration fee of \$25. Equipment needed includes soccer shoes, gym shorts or sweatpants and shin guards are recommended.

Girls Soccer — A new program will be an Instructional Soccer Program for girls in Grades 5-6. The program will be held on Saturday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. at the High School Field on Woodland Avenue. The girls will learn the fundamentals of soccer. This program will run for 6 weeks beginning Oct. 26. There is a \$22 registration fee.

Millennium Football — The Youth Football Program is open to boys in Grades 4-8. The program consists of football, flag football, contact, etc. There are three teams that compete in the "Suburban Football League." Teams are placed according to weight and age. The "A" team will include grades 7-8; "B" team will include grades 6-7; "C" team will include grades 4-5. The teams practice on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at the Municipal Pool under the lights. Games are played on Sunday afternoons. Home games are played at Dayton, England High School Football Field on Mount Avenue. The Millennium Football Parent Organization provides uniforms for a fee of \$65 per child and \$90 for 2 siblings. There is a \$30 registration fee payable to the Recreation Department.

Registration forms are available at the recreation Department, located at 30 Church Hill, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. during the week. Call 912-1118 to receive a form by mail or for more information.

Volunteers needed
The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Public Library is accepting applications for artists who wish to exhibit during 1997-98. Applicants are asked to submit a current resume, 10 slides representative of the work and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Applications will be reviewed by the Museum Committee in the fall.

Applications should be mailed to the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, 07081 no later than Sept. 15.

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Barry Krotz (left) and Evan Shiloff (right) stand ready at the elbow of their father, Barry Krotz, as they wait for the start of the 1996 State Day Camp at Campsite 1170, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

EWT scores drop in district

By Christopher Glesby and Emma Frisco
The 1996 entering class of Union County Regional High Schools have not done so well in their writing skills according to the Early Writing Test administered to graduating eighth-graders.

"I am concerned about the reading and math scores in Kenilworth, the math scores in Springfield and I am extremely concerned with the writing scores in Mountaintop," said Union County Regional High School Superintendent Donald Merschlik.

The writing scores were lower than the scores put up by eighth-graders last year, according to the exam which is administered in March by each individual school district.

Although Clark schools recorded the highest score in the region, all of the scores have declined when compared to last year's results. "There was a domination in writing skills throughout the region," Merschlik said. "All of the ninth-grade teachers are going to have to concentrate on a writing program."

Merschlik is confident that the regional high schools will be able to remedy this situation upon the transition for official action. The committee that scored poorly would be scheduled to take basic skills improvement classes in reading and writing for their first year in addition to their regular English and math courses," Merschlik said.

In addition, Merschlik said he is confident that by the time these students become juniors that they will be ready to not only take but perform well on the High School Proficiency Test, an exam that determines whether or not the student receives a diploma. "By the time the students are juniors they are up to grade and more than ready to pass the HSPPT on their first attempt," Merschlik said.

Kenilworth Superintendent of Schools Lloyd Leschik said he is disappointed with the test results. "We are not happy. In fact, we're upset about them. When our teachers come back on the first day of school, that'll be the first topic for that teacher workshop day. We believe this group of students should have done better and we need to go in and see what was the problem. It's easy for an administrator to say something, make a decision and then say 'See REGIONAL, Page 2'."

Buying time

Stop & Shop appeals to keep options open

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Managing Editor
Though still seeking a buyer for its Millburn Avenue property, Stop & Shop Supermarket Co. has filed an appeal of the Board of Adjustment decision to keep the property open.

The decision to sell the property came after Springfield's Board of Adjustment denied the supermarket's appeal of the zoning officer's decision to allow the property to be used as a residential zone.

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Judge denies claim to quarry property

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Managing Editor
Springfield's affordable housing requirements will have to be met on property other than the Hoadville Quarry.

Superior Court Judge John Hennessey ruled on Friday that the property owned by the state DOT and leased to the county up in the quarry is not available for Jerry Posen's purchase, said Township Attorney Bruce Dargatzis, who added that the judge's decision was made "because that's what the law is."

Posen, a local developer, had paid Hoadville Industries for the right to purchase the land when the state offered it for sale. The property is owned by the state Department of Transportation and is being leased for \$1 per year to Union County for landscaping facilities.

Transition team seeks members

By Elaine Dilworth
Staff Writer
The Board of Education is seeking a few good men and women to become part of the transition team as it prepares for the back-to-school control of Scotch Plains High School.

"We feel that the time has come to involve community residents in the transition process," said Board of Education member Ruth Drinen. The board is looking to establish several committees that will focus on various aspects of the transition from the regional district to the local district.

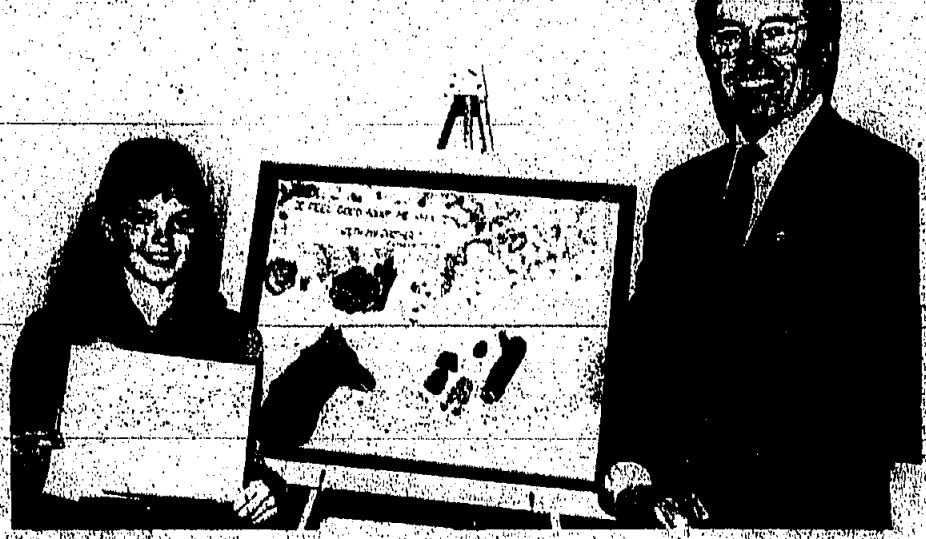
"There are a lot of members of the community who have a lot to offer in the way of ideas and expertise which is exactly what we are looking for," said Drinen.

The board plans to create several committees which will meet periodically to discuss important topics and come up with suggestions which will be brought before the Board of Education.

One of the committees cited was a cultural arts committee which would get community input as to what it feels are important arts programs that the high school should offer in addition to being some of the community arts programs into the school, as well as making some of the school facilities, such as the auditorium, available.

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'I feel good....'



James Caldwell student Caroline Heinle displays her winning ribbon and certificate for her entry in the 1996 calendar art contest sponsored by the New Jersey Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect. Seen here with Commissioner of Education Leo Kligholz, Heinle, who won second place, displays the poster reflecting the theme of "Feeling Good About Me." Ten other students, including Katherine Fasella and Juliana Stravato of Caldwell School, supplied the remaining pictures for the calendar. For more information about the calendar and the art contest, call (609) 292-0888.

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Housing plan to be revised, resubmitted

(Continued from Page 1) The main opposition to the development of the use of the Bojczuk tract, which has all sorts of hydrostatic problems, the people in the area will view their lack of application to the town's decision.

Residents encouraged to join transition team

(Continued from Page 1) For community arts events. The cultural arts committee would like to give the community a chance to share their ideas for the future of the community.

Peacekeepers

World Community Newspapers wants to keep our readers in touch with their neighbors serving in the military. The families and friends of those in the United States or abroad, are encouraged to submit information and photos for publication in the newspaper.

Regional superintendent concerned test results

(Continued from Page 1) pretty consistent, we have talked to other school districts in the county and they all complained about the same thing. I think that they just don't score the test correctly.

Under the previous plan, the township recommended that 18 units be used for housing, in comparison to the 16 units that were zoned for in 1973, according to Kuperstein.

"It's not going to get any better," he concluded. "It's going to be worse for the community down here and we're being asked to support it in our taxes and it's not right."

Although many of the elementary schools in the regional district performed poorly in the writing category, 57 percent of students from Harding School tested at either Level I or II — a decrease from last year's result of 90.1 percent.

"We last 100 percent of our kids score in level one and two in reading and 98 percent of the kids in Math so we are pleased but we always want to continue to work with the kids because you never know from one year to the next how the results can change," she continued.

Clark students at Kump School managed to put up the highest score in the region in writing. "That's the kind of work we are doing," Clark said.

However, Mountaineer Superintendent Len Escorp said that the results with the scores because we know that our students are good writers and they have been awarded all types of things.

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School of Arts and Crafts advertisement. Lists fall classes in gymnastics, beginning, and recreational classes for boys and girls.

Professional Directory advertisement. Lists various services including accountants, eye surgery, attorneys, health insurance, chiropractors, and psychotherapy.

Civic Calendar

- The Civic Calendar is prepared each week by the Springfield Leader and MountainSide Echo. It is a listing of government meetings open to the public.
- Monday: The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Planning Board Room in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: 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.

Firemen tee off in autumn outing

The Springfield Fire Department's Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 57 is again sponsoring a fund-raiser golf tournament on Nov. 12 at the Ballston Golf Club, host of the 1993 U.S. Open.

STUDENT UPDATE

Traback-Hackensack campus who graduated in May. Peterson received a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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Grand Larceny advertisement. Features a "Summer Sale" of ladies apparel at \$15 and under.

Make a wish come true



The recent Summit Street Fair proved to be the ideal setting to sell Teddy Bears. From left to right, Tom Della, Wayne Smith and Dan Harris of the Summit Fire Department's F.M.B.A. local #54, Firemen's Mutual Beneficial Association, were selling these bears to help raise money for the Make a Wish Foundation. To help benefit this organization, the F.M.B.A. will also host a Costume Dance on October 26.

YMCA fall registration open

The Summit Area YMCA is currently conducting registration for fall classes which begin Sept. 3 and run until Oct. 27. Fall is a great time to get into a healthy routine and the YMCA is offering many new classes and programs in addition to seasonal favorites. The always popular preschool gym and dance classes are filling up quickly. A new parent/child roller skating class will give parents the opportunity to learn the county's fastest growing sport. Learn the basic in-line skating skills with your preschooler in a safe and fun environment. The youth basketball program has been expanded to include a clinic for girls, ages 8 and up. Basketball clinics are run by coach Eugene Maxwell, who led the 1995 Summit YMCA team to victory, winning the East Field YMCA championship. Other class options for youth members are:

Boating safety tips offered

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, the top five causes of boat accidents in the United States during 1994 were:

- Inattention or carelessness
- Improper lookout
- Slowing currents, rough waves
- Speed
- Lack of operator training

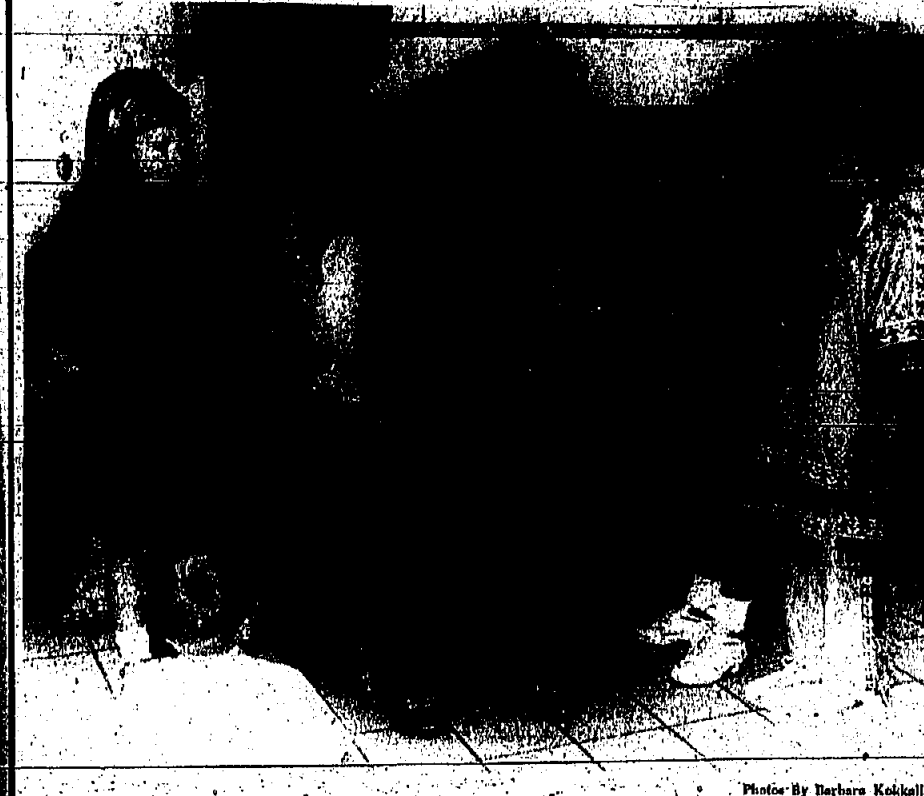
For these reasons—and others—167 accidents and 174 deaths were reported in New Jersey in 1994. "Accidents often happen because basic safety rules are not known or are not followed," said Rachel Booth, editor of the New Jersey Insurance News Service. The most common type of accident in New Jersey in 1994 was collision between boats. Other accidents included collisions with stationary objects, capsizing, falls overboard and groundings. Many of these accidents could have been prevented if boaters had observed speed limits, followed buoy markers and adhered to waterway rules. "The key to safety on the water is operator knowledge and attention," says Booth. "Always check the weather forecast. A safe boater never goes out without knowing a storm is approaching. When you see signals that a storm is on its way, such as a change in the direction of the wind or a sudden drop in the barometric pressure, head for shore immediately. It is also wise to carry an inexpensive weather radio on board to listen for small craft advisories. To be successful your float plan. Let them know your intended course and approximate time schedule. Include a description of the craft, including color, length, type, number and name, and the names of the persons who will be on board."

- Never drink while operating a boat. Not only is it illegal, but the effect of alcohol on balance, coordination, reaction time and vision impairs a boater's steering ability and can lead to serious accidents. In New Jersey in 1994, alcohol contributed to eight accidents, six injuries and one death.
- Never stand up in a boat. When movement is necessary, one person at a time should move along the center line of the boat and stay as low as possible. Also, people should never ride on the upper edge of a boat's sides, known as the gun wales. Aside from being illegal in New Jersey, riding on the gun wales is dangerous because a quick stop or turn could easily toss someone overboard.
- Learn what color-coded buoys and markers mean. Boat operators should always pay attention to these navigational aids and steer accordingly.
- Provide each person with a life jacket or personal flotation device. Federal law requires that there be one wearable PFD for each person on board.
- Take care when fueling. Shut off all motors, engines or fans on board before refueling. No one should ever be on the boat while gas is being pumped. Also, never fill a tank to the brim—leave room in the tank for the gasoline to expand.
- Have a fire extinguisher on board. Fire extinguishers should be mounted in an easy-to-reach place and checked for proper maintenance. Be sure they are full and operational.
- Watch your wake. When passing smaller boats, slow down and keep your wake low. New Jersey law states that the number of the person who will be responsible for any damage caused by wakes from their boats.
- Always use proper tie-up technique. The length of the anchor line should be at least five times longer than water depth.
- Keep visual distress signals in your boat. All boats are required by law to have an audible distress signal such as a horn, whistle or bell. Federal law requires the operator to have visual distress signals in the form of a red flag, orange smoke signal or a lantern or flashlight on board. All signals should have Coast Guard approval or certification.
- Take a boat safety course. The "boating" organization offers a safe-boating course. U.S. Power Squadrons, (800) 828-3380; U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, (800) 368-5647; and the American Red Cross.
- Know and understand the acceptable capacity of your craft. The combined weight of people and gear should be kept within these limits. As you load, look to see how much distance is between the top edge of the boat and the water.
- Make sure at least one other person on board has rudimentary knowledge of how to safely operate the craft in case of emergencies.
- Never "boat alone."

If you have questions about boat safety or would like information about boating your state, call the New Jersey Insurance News Service at (908) 687-8228.

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Native education



Jim Day Owl, a Chippewa portrayed by Jim Comauro through Project Impact, demonstrates authentic Native American songs, dances, costumes, traditions and artifacts to children of the Elephant Tree Nature Camp at the Riverwood Arboretum in Summit. Above, Charis Fischer, Meredith Keffler, and Alison Rhodes learn about the traditional costumes of Indian girls. Below, Jason Tkach and Sean Callaghan display some non-traditional Native American head gear.

YMCA to teach self-defense course

The Berkeley Heights Area YMCA is currently conducting registration for Fall Adult Self-Defense. Six to eight weeks and one half-hour Tuesday evenings beginning Sept. 3. Karate, Shaolin Kung Fu, 6:45-7:45 p.m. and Self-Defense at 7:00-8:00 p.m. Both of these classes are being taught by fitness professional and 5th degree black belt, Mohammed Aly. Fall Adult Self-Defense classes begin on Thursday, Sept. 3, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Friday, Sept. 13, 7-8 p.m. Highly skilled yoga teachers will instruct and practice in conscious breathing and positioning to calibrate energy and enhance flexibility in mind and body. The Berkeley Heights YMCA is located at 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights.

Junior League plans to re-open costume store

The Junior League of Summit's Costume Rental Shop, all ready to re-open on Sept. 10 in its new location at 105 Main Street in Millburn, has taken a long way in its 20-year history. From its humble beginnings in a basement corner of the Summit League Thrift & Costumes Shop, building on DeForester Avenue in Summit, the Costume Shop has evolved into a well-organized treasure trove of unusual and vintage clothing and accessories the likes of which rarely exist outside a major city. It is also a well-organized treasure trove of unusual and vintage clothing and accessories the likes of which rarely exist outside a major city. It is also a well-organized treasure trove of unusual and vintage clothing and accessories the likes of which rarely exist outside a major city. It is also a well-organized treasure trove of unusual and vintage clothing and accessories the likes of which rarely exist outside a major city.



Kean plans new semester

Kean College of New Jersey begins its 1996-97 academic year with fall semester classes on Thursday, September 5. With a stable outlook for the upcoming year, students can look forward to more than 50 undergraduate and graduate programs, all at an affordable cost. Dr. Ronald Appuhn, Kean's newly appointed president, will preside over a host of new and exciting programs and activities in the coming months. This fall, the dedication of the Nancy Thompson Library expansion will mark one of several revitalization projects that have taken place on the college campus over the past two years. The library expansion, part of a \$6.3 million construction project, allows the college to provide better service to the nearly 200,000 people from the college and community who use the facility each year. Renovations include state-of-the-art electronic services, as well as the addition of many specialized learning spaces, double floor space as well as stack and reader space. Last year a new, almost 87 million College Center was unveiled. The center boasts conference facilities, student lounges, a 400-seat multipurpose room, new-line facilities, a book store, coffee shop, gallery and exhibition space and meeting rooms for student clubs. In addition to enhanced academic and support facilities, the College will also offer a new two-year, full-time Master of Social Work degree beginning in September. Kean will be the first New Jersey state college to offer such a degree. Presently, the only accredited MSW program in New Jersey is offered by the Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work. Individuals interested enrolling at Kean will have the opportunity to explore the many programs and services offered by the college by attending the Fall Open House on Friday, November 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Wilkins Theater, or the Graduate Open House on Sunday, October 6 from 1-3 p.m. in the College Center.

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Emmy Award winner, Martha Byrne, Lily Gramaldi of CBS' 'As the World Turns,' personally autographs photos during her visit at StageArts Kids Performing Arts Camp on July 25.

Soap opera personality visits camp

StageArts Kids Performing Arts Camp had the opportunity to visit Emmy Award winner, Lily Gramaldi of CBS' 'As the World Turns.' Martha Byrne, who recently visited the camp where she shared with the kids, counselors, and staff her personal experiences as an actress, how to make it as an actress, and how she started in her career.

As most of the campers have experienced, working with Martha. It was very obvious that Martha thoroughly enjoys working with the cast and crew from ATWT, as she shared several stories of fellow cast members such as Lucinda, Damien, Emily, Holden, and Luke. She also shared some of her most favorite scenes and storylines and how certain dramatic scenes were executed.

Local theater company receives nominations for A.C.T. awards

Carnival Productions, Rahway's resident theater company, was honored with eight nominations for the 1995-96 A.C.T. Awards at the organization's Nominations Plaque held at Edison's Roosevelt Park on August 8.

Leading the nominations is "The Lion in Winter" with five nods, including Outstanding Production of a Play, Also nominated from "Lion" are Janet Aspinwall, Outstanding Featured Actress in a Play, Clinton L. Stone, Outstanding Ensemble Performer in a Play, Jennifer Stranieri, Outstanding Costume Design, and Rahway resident Bill Van Sant, a Outstanding Director of a Play.

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Although script went 'awry', Rosenberg's film is laudable

A few years back, Scott Rosenberg wrote a script about a "video awry," which involved people with names like "Jimmy the Saini," "Critical Bill" and "Mr. Shabb." As it usually goes, the script was shopped from studio to studio with no luck. In the meantime, Quentin Tarantino wrote a script about a "job gone awry" which involved people with names like "Mr. Pink," "Mr. White" and Mr. Green.

Jimmy the Saini, played by Andy Garcia, owns a company called Afterlife Advice, videotaping dying elderly people who wish to leave a last message of wisdom for their children to hear after they are gone. He started the business on a loan from a local organized crime figure at the company's inception.

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Although script went 'awry', Rosenberg's film is laudable

Despite the fact that the script was shopped from studio to studio with no luck, the film is a masterpiece. It is one of the best casts in recent years, with top-level character actors like Andy Garcia, Christopher Walken, Steve Buscemi, and William Forsythe. Garcia gives one of his best performances to date as Jimmy the Saini, a man who wants to live a good life but finds it impossible in a bad world.

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Arts grant connects with Kean
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Quality education isn't just found, it is created

Now that kids are going back to school, it's a good time to ask: Where do you have to live to find good schools?

Do you have to live in a wealthy suburb? Do you have to head for the big city? Should you go to a university town?

The answer is: Good schools can be found anywhere in America. You can find them in the inner-city, in the suburbs, and in rural towns. That's what "Money" magazine discovered when it went looking for America's 100 best school districts. The results of the research can be found in the January issue of the magazine, and it's an article that every parent-educator and politician who cares about education should read.

"Money isn't everything," declared "Money." The districts that made the list enjoyed widespread community support and a high degree of parental involvement, and many were in areas where the average home cost less than the U.S. median.

The fact that good schools can be found anywhere — an idea as parents get involved? — says parents, grandparents, neighbors, educators, students and communities are willing to work

Be Our Guest

By Richard W. Riley

For them — is good news for every citizen. We all have a stake in quality education, even those of us who don't have children in school. Strong schools build strong communities, and we all want that.

Because parental and community involvement are so important to education, the U.S. Department of Education and the National Partnership for Family Involvement in Education are launching an important initiative to coincide with back-to-school time.

It's called "America Goes Back to School-Get Involved!" This is the second year for this initiative, and I would like to invite you and every citizen to participate.

"America Goes Back to School-Get Involved!" asks parents, grandparents, neighbors, educators, students and communities are willing to work

add community members to work together to achieve these goals — making schools safer, more disciplined and drug-free; putting computers into classrooms; improving reading; making sure academic standards are high; preparing young people for careers, and making college more accessible. A free kit is available that offers lots of good ideas for achieving these goals in your community. Many of these ideas have succeeded in helping communities like yours to improve their schools. Just call the U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-USA-LEARN and ask for the "America Goes Back to School" activities kit.

Until it arrives in your mailbox, here are a few tips to get you started.

• **Parents:** You can make the biggest difference in your children's education. Research shows that when parents are involved in helping their children learn, good things happen. Children get better grades, behave better in class and are more likely to go to college. So here's what parents can do: volunteer for school activities and stay in regular touch with teachers.

• **Employees:** Remember that quality education is critical to producing a quality workforce. Many businesses offer leave and/or flex-time to their employees to allow them to volunteer in schools and give parents the time to participate in their children's school activities. These "family-friendly" businesses have been rewarded with higher worker productivity. Business people can also provide work-study opportunities and internships and apprenticeships for students, and help define the skills, knowledge and work habits needed

for success in today's challenging workplace.

• **Community members:** If you're in a community, cultural, religious, law enforcement or other neighborhood group or organization, you can make a big difference, too. Work with the schools to offer after-school and summer enrichment programs and homework centers. Become tutors or mentors. Help with adult literacy efforts.

We're proud to have them. We're also proud to have the many thousands of citizens who have already joined us. And we'll be proud to have you, too, and everyone in your community. Join us and help build a better future for our students, our families, and for all of America.

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Maria Frankel, director of Educational Services Center, said knowing how to take a test is as important as knowing the material. She said Educational Services Center's PSAT/SAT I Course helps students feel relaxed, assessed and self-confident. The center guarantees that students will improve their scores, or they can receive the course free of charge next session.

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Elizabeth General Hospital establishes new cardiac lab

Officials at Elizabeth General Medical Center have announced that the hospital recently received approval from the New Jersey Department of Health to establish a cardiac catheterization laboratory. The new lab, which 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 in cardiac care.

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